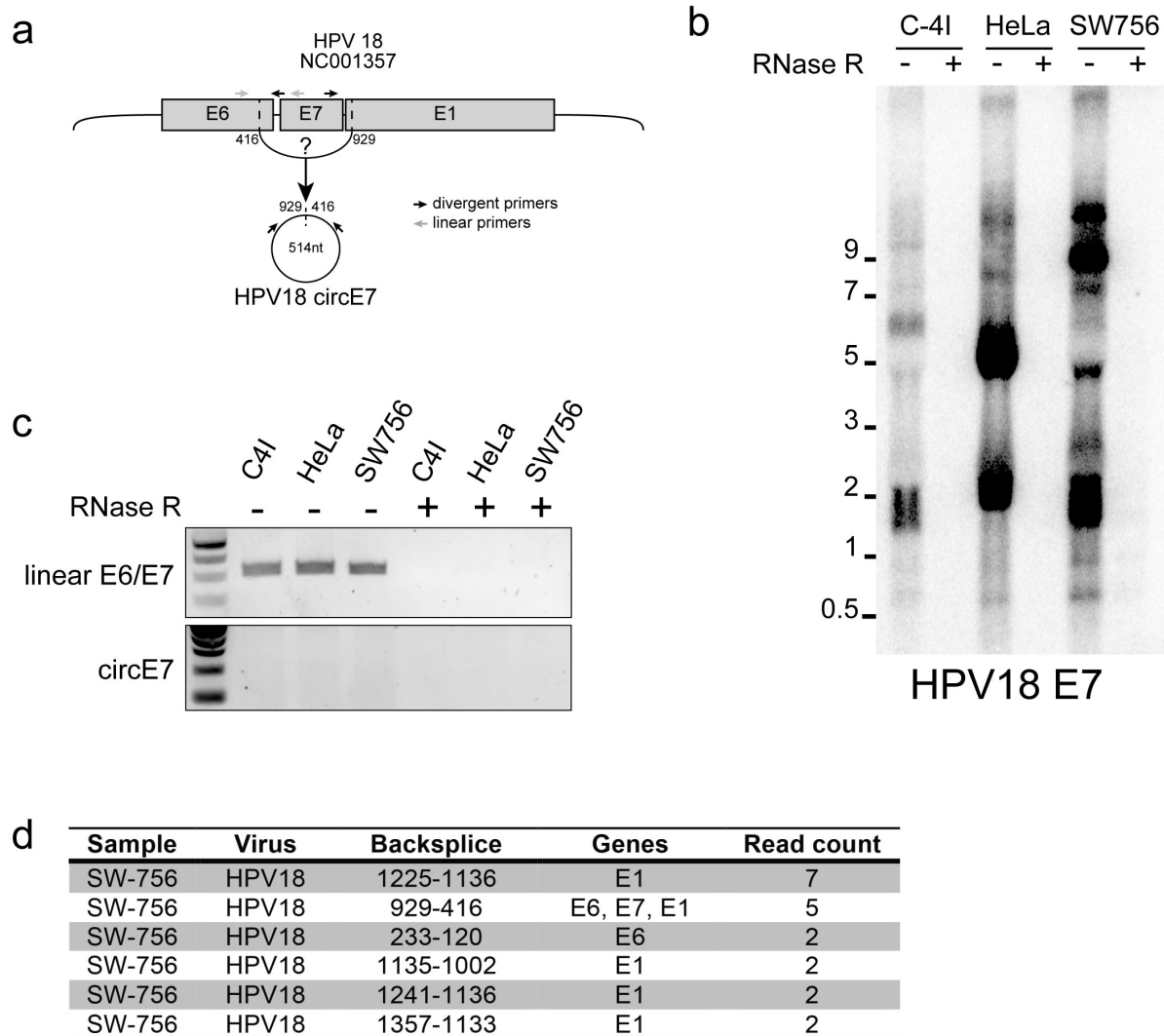
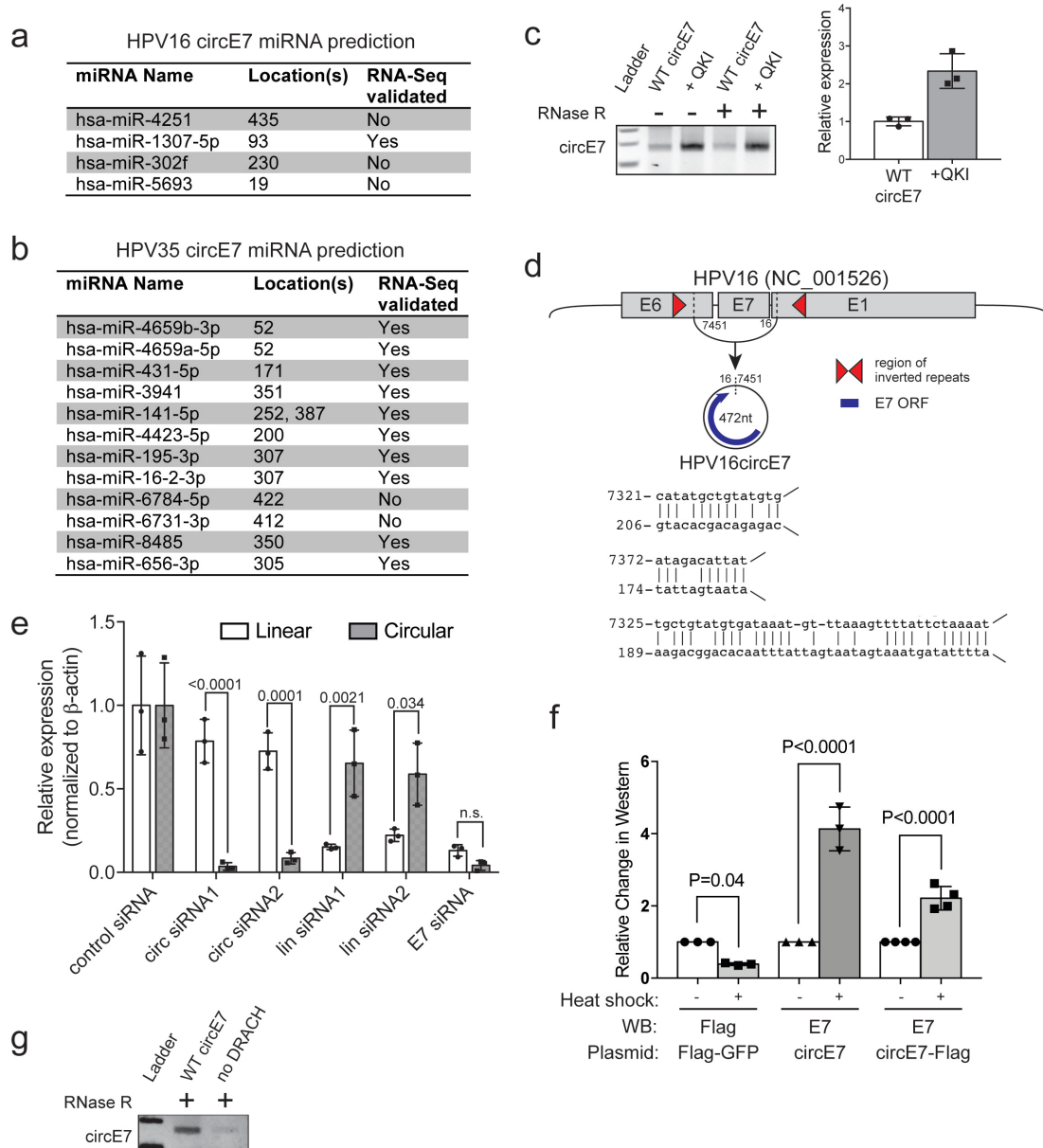


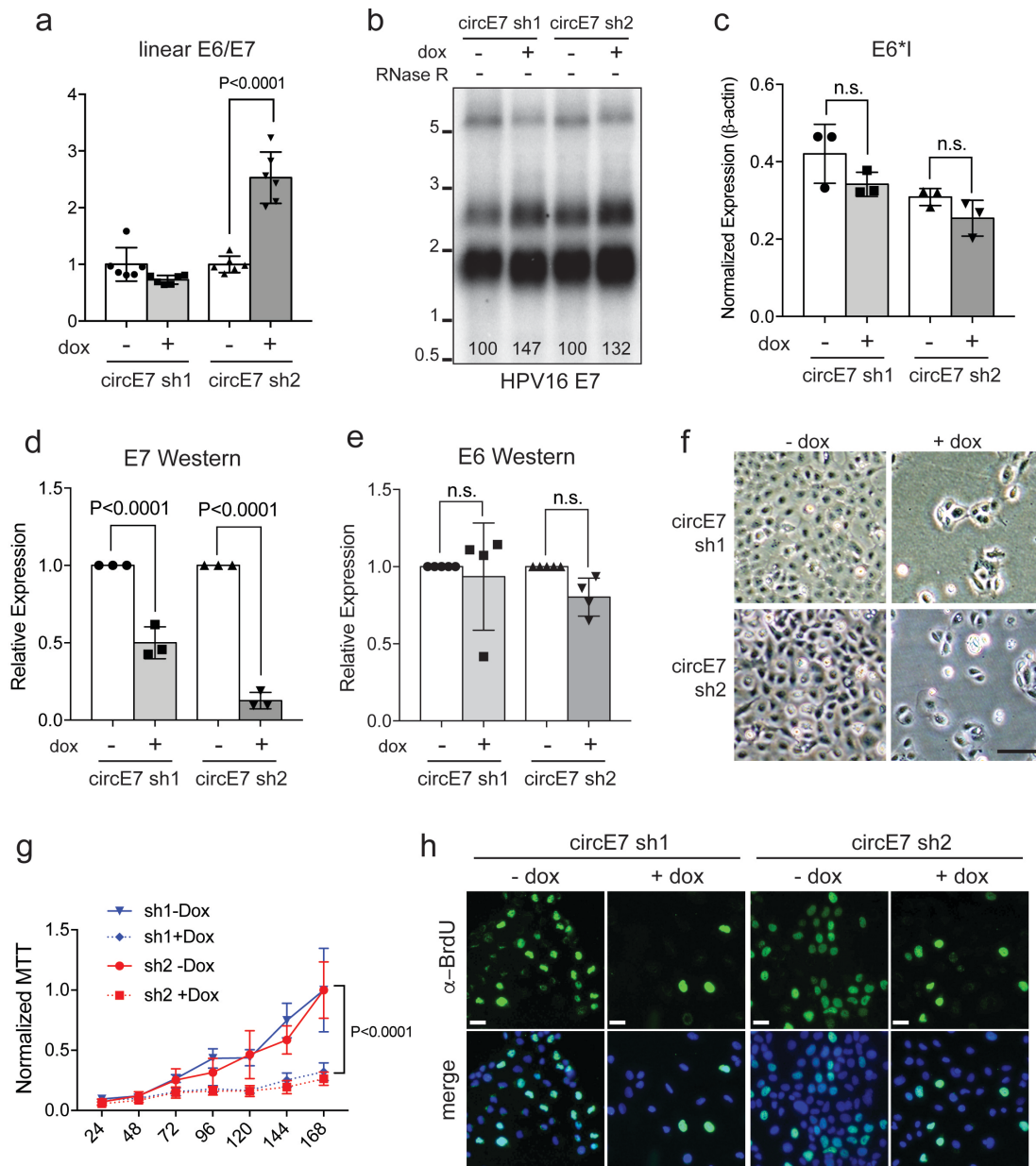
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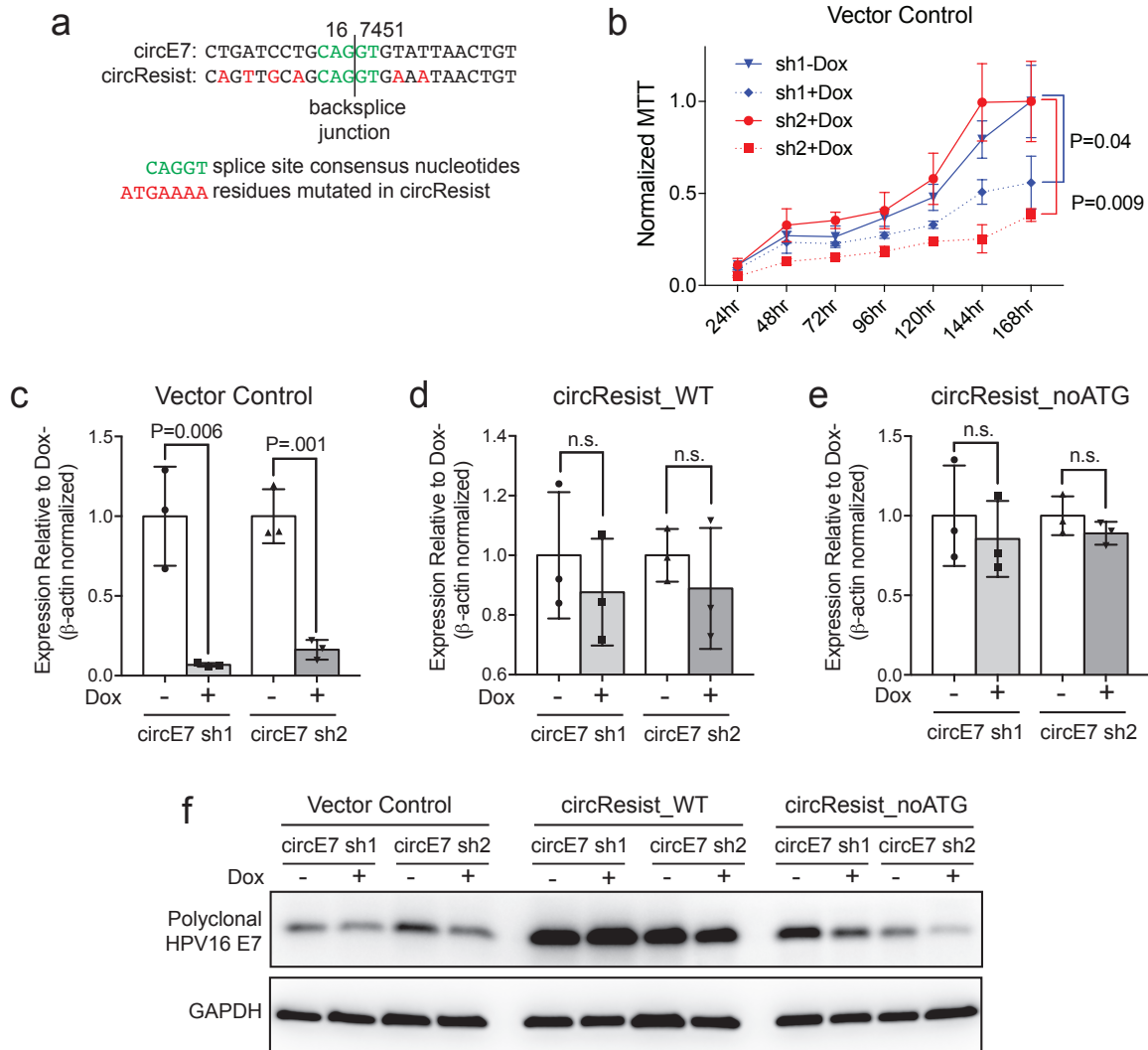
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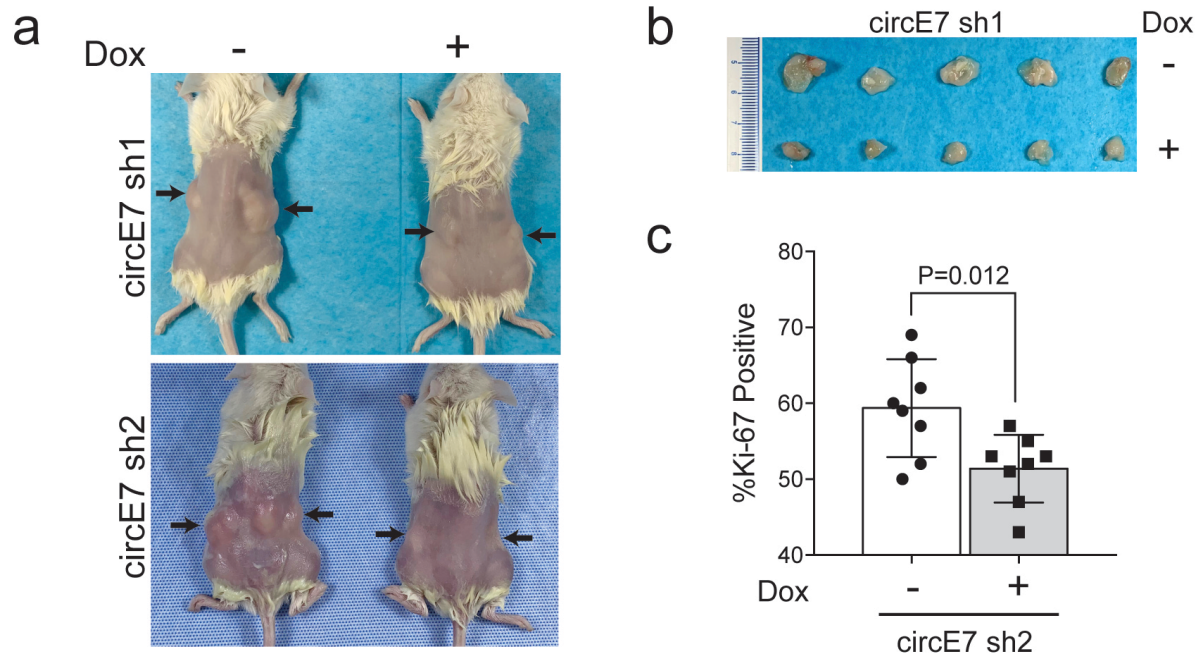
Supplementary Figure 3. Properties of circE7. (a-b) Predicted miRNA binding sites in HPV16 circE7 (a) and HPV35 circE7 (b) (mirDB). No miRNAs are predicted to be conserved between the circE7. **(c)** RT-PCR demonstrates that quaking (QKI) sites increase, but are not required for, circE7 generation from pcDNA3.1-circE7. Endpoint (top) and qRT-qPCR (bottom) from 293T cells reveals that QKI sites increase circE7 formation by >2 fold. Results are representative of 3 independent experiments. **(d)** Schematic indicated several regions of inverted repeats flanking the predicted circE7 product. **(e)** RT-qPCR from 293T cells cotransfected with pcDNA3.1-circE7_FLAG and the indicated siRNAs reveals that siRNA targeting the circE7 backsplice junction (circ) significantly target the circRNA isoform over linear E6/E7; lin siRNAs significantly deplete the linear mRNA; and E7 siRNA depletes both isoforms. **(f)** Quantitation of band density of Western blots for FLAG and HPV16 E7 from 293T cells transfected with the indicated plasmid (Fig. 2D). Values normalized to the control (no heat shock) cells which were not subjected to heat shock (2 hr at 42°C, 2hr recovery). **(g)** RT-PCR demonstrates that DRACH sites in the circE7 are necessary for efficient circE7 generation. Data are shown as mean \pm s.d. *P* values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed *t* test (f) and one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Holm-Sidak tests (c,d).



Supplementary Figure 4. Functions of circE7 in vitro. (a) RT-PCR for linear E6/E7 in CaSki with or without induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of circE7 sh2 results in a significant *increase* of linear E6/E7 transcripts. (n= 3 independent experiments). (b) Northern blot of total RNA (4 μ g) from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction (2 days). Numbers (bottom) indicate quantitation of band density normalized to the uninduced control. (c) RT-qPCR for E6*I transcript in CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of circE7 sh1/2 does not significantly change E6*I transcript abundance. (d) Quantitation of band density of Western blots for HPV16 E7 from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Values normalized to the uninduced condition. (e) Quantitation of band density of E6 from WB from CaSki cells with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Values normalized to the uninduced condition. (f) Differential interference contrast (DIC) images of CaSki with and without dox induction of circE7 sh1/2 (5 days). Bar, 50 μ m. (g) MTT assay of CaSki circE7 sh1/2 cells with and without doxy induction. MTT values normalized to the uninduced (-Dox) condition. (h) Representative images of BrdU and DAPI staining from CaSki with and without dox induction circE7 sh1/2. Bar, 10 μ m. Data are shown as mean \pm s.d. P values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Holm-Sidak tests.



Supplementary Figure 5. Expression of shRNA resistant circE7 (circResist). (a) Schematic of mutations made for shRNA resistant circE7 (circResist). Green text indicates residues important for splice site formation. Red text indicates residues mutated in circResist. (b) CaSki were doubly transduced with an empty vector control and circE7 sh1/2. MTT assay of circResist_noATG cells with and without Dox induction. MTT values normalized to the uninduced (-Dox) condition. (c) RT-qPCR for circE7 in vector control CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of sh1/2 results in a significant decrease of circE7 transcripts. (n= 3 independent experiments). (d-e) RT-qPCR for circE7 in (d) circResist_WT or (e) circResist_noATG CaSki with or with induction of circE7 sh1/2. Induction of sh1/2 does not result in a significant decrease of circE7 transcripts. The slight decrease in circE7 levels results from targeting of endogenous, but not circResist, circE7 transcripts (n= 3 independent experiments). Data are shown as mean \pm s.d. P values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed *t* test (b-e).



Supplementary Figure 6. Functions of circE7 in vivo. (a) Representative images of NSG mice xenografted with CaSki circE7 sh1/2 with or without dox induction. Arrows indicate tumors. **(b)** Dissected CaSki tumor xenografts from mice that were given water with or without doxycycline (1mg/ml) **(c)** Scoring of Ki-67 staining of CaSki sh2 xenograft tumors with or without circE7 sh1/2 induction. Data are shown as mean \pm s.d. *P* values (indicated above relevant comparisons) were calculated with two-tailed *t* test (c).